

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
WOLFGANG O. BUDDE ET AL

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Title: NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT  
LEAST ONE STAR NODE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT  
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 21, 2004,  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks: